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ELSTREE RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Report

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1955

By

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TOGETHER WITH

The Report

OF

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Elstree Rural District Council*

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my 15th Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1955.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of deaths during the year was 324 including 200 occurring at Shenley Hospital. It will be seen that a separate "local" rate has been computed, for the purpose of comparison, by excluding the hospital patients.

DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH

A monthly clinic is held for immunisation and close co-operation is maintained with the Divisional Medical Officer. 274 children were immunised during the year—71 against diphtheria, 108 against whooping cough, and 95 received injections of combined diphtheria and whooping cough prophylactic.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 15 new cases during the year as compared with 15, 16, 14, 15 and 11 respectively in the years 1954 to 1950 inclusive. These figures do not include cases reported from Shenley Hospital.

FOOD

There has been an increase in the number of animals slaughtered in the district, all the carcasses were inspected. Samples of ice cream and milk were taken at frequent intervals, the results were generally satisfactory.

GENERAL

Once more it gives me great pleasure to record my thanks to the Council for their support during the year and to the Sanitary Inspectors and officials generally for their willing help and co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. WINN EVERETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Area	8,339 acres
Population, 1931 Census*	5,946
Population, 1951 Census	14,757
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population mid-1955	23,580
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1955) according to Rate	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; font-size: 3em; line-height: 1;">{</div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> Elstree .. 5,845 Shenley .. 726 Ridge .. 82 </div>
Books	
Rateable Value (1st April, 1956)	
Estimated product of a penny rate (1st April, 1956)	£1,468

* Adjusted in respect of alteration of boundary in 1935.

NATURAL DRAINAGE and GEOLOGICAL FORMATION

The direction of the natural drainage is roughly South-East to North-West in the South-Western part and Easterly in the Eastern part of the district. In the Southern part, comprising mainly the residential and industrial area of Boreham Wood, Tykes Water in the West and the Rowley Lane stream in the East, discharge into the Thames via the River Colne and the River Lea respectively. In addition, there is in the North-East part of the area an outfall to the Lea via the Swallow Holes. These are the result of fissures in the chalk, the Mimmshall brook disappearing below ground at North Mimms, beyond the North-Eastern boundary of the district.

The Southern half of the district, i.e. South of Green Street, is mainly London Clay to a depth of 200-350 feet. North of this point, extending into Shenley and flanked by London Clay, the subsoil is pebble gravel, with chalk and glacial gravel beyond. At the extreme North of the district, there is boulder clay on the East, with some alluvium and valley gravel on the West.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Considerable industrial activity is found in the area which gives employment to practically five thousand men and women excluding the "film crowds" which invade the district from time to time. In addition to the film studios, factories exist in which are manufactured cosmetics, electrical accessories, ladies' hosiery and underwear, oil and petrol tanks, pharmaceutical chemicals, photographic materials, rubber and rubberised cork components, while a number of other Companies operate light engineering businesses, printing works and building and associated trades.

VITAL STATISTICS

					Total	M.	F.
Live Births	Legitimate	..	..	..	409	218	191
	Illegitimate	..	..	..	16	9	7

Birth Rate: 18.0 per 1,000 *estimated resident population.*

					Total	M.	F.
Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	10	5	5

Rate: 23.0 per 1,000 *total (live and still) births*

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth, abortion Nil

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	..	..	..	..	7	2	5
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—

Infant Death Rates:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	16.2
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	..			17.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..			—

Deaths (all causes) 324 137 187

Death Rate: 13.7 per 1,000 *estimated average population.*

“Local” Death Rate excl. Shenley
Hospital: 5.8 per 1,000 population.

The Comparability Factor (furnished by the Registrar-General to correct anomalies in age and sex distribution, compared with the Country as a whole) is given as .85 for births and 1.3 for deaths. The following table shows how the local birth and death rates compare with those given for Hertfordshire and for the whole country.

			Elstree R.D.C.	County of Hertford	England & Wales
Birth Rate	..	..	15.3*	15.7	15.0
Death Rate	..	..	17.8*	10.3	11.7

* Actual rate \times Comparability Factor to give Standardised rate.

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

One part-time Medical Officer of Health.

One Senior and one additional Sanitary Inspector.

(Both whole-time, both qualified Sanitary Inspectors and Meat and Food Inspectors).

The General Purposes and Finance Committee deal with all matters relating to Public Health. They meet on the second Monday in each month and receive the reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector.

2. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Examination of sputum is carried out at the Herts County Council Laboratory. Swabs are examined by the Clinical Research Association. Samples of water, milk and ice-cream are examined at the Public Health Sector Laboratory, Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Cases of infectious disease are conveyed to the Coppetts Wood Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill. The ambulance for non-infectious cases provided by the Herts County Council is stationed at the Fire Station, Manor Way, and is manned by the Herts Ambulance Brigade staff. If this service is not available, Ambulances are on call from a pool controlled by the West Herts Divisional Control, St. Albans.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The Borehamwood area has three whole-time Health Visitors, two District Nurses employed on general nursing, two on midwifery and one on midwifery and general nursing. In addition one nurse is engaged part-time on general nursing and midwifery.

Shenley has one District Nurse engaged on combined general nursing, health visiting and midwifery.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(i) Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic, Shenley Road,
Boreham Wood.

Ante-Natal:

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Infants:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2 to
4 p.m.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough
Immunisation: 2nd Wednesday in
each month at 10.30 a.m.

(ii) School Dental Clinic,
Child Welfare Clinic,
Shenley Road,
Boreham Wood.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 to
12.30 p.m. Fridays 10 to 4.30 p.m.
Treatment by appointment.

(e) HOSPITALS

The Rural District of Elstree is covered by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Individual hospitals are managed by Hospital Management Committee Groups.

Barnet Group (No. 5) Hospital Management Committee

Barnet General Hospital

General Hospital with complement of 478 beds, with the usual medical and surgical facilities. Regular consultative clinics are as follows:—

Ante-natal	Orthopaedic
Dental	Paediatric
Dermatological	Physical
Chiropody	medicine
Ear, nose and throat	Post-natal
Geriatric	Psychiatric
Gynaecological	Radiotherapy
Medical	Sub-Fertility (Males)
Neurology	Surgical
Ophthalmic	Tuberculosis

St. Stephens Hospital
(formerly Barnet Isolation Hospital)

Small general hospital with complement of 88 beds.

Victoria Hospital,
Wood Street, Barnet.

Maternity Hospital with complement of 48 Maternity beds and 48 cots.

Clare Hall Hospital,
South Mimms.

Chest Hospital with complement of 452 beds.

Elmbank Hospital,
Arkley.

Female Geriatric unit with complement of 27 beds.

Mid Herts Group (No. 7) Hospital Management Committee

Hill End Hospital and Clinic,
St. Albans.

Psychiatric and Child Guidance service.

Mondays to Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(Patients seen by appointment only)

St. Albans City Hospital,
Osterhills Unit,
Normandy Road, St. Albans.

Venereal Diseases:
Attendances

Females:

Tuesdays 5 to 7 p.m.

Fridays 1.30 to 4 p.m.

Males:

Wednesdays 2 to 3.30 p.m.

Fridays 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

West Herts Group (No. 9) Hospital Management Committee

Bushey and District Hospital,
Bushey.

General Hospital with complement of 39 beds.

Northern Group (No. 20) Hospital Management Committee

Coppetts Wood Hospital,
London, N.20.
(Tel.: TUDor 9792)

All cases of Infectious Diseases (excluding Smallpox) are taken to this hospital. Bed complement 144.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The following information with respect to the water supply of the area is given in accordance with Circular 42/51 of the Ministry of Health.

1. The water supply was maintained during 1955 at a satisfactory standard in (a) quality and (b) quantity.
The Colne Valley Water Company are the suppliers and
2. have provided the following information with regard to the sampling of the water supplies during the year:—
540 samples of raw water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were variable.
2,403 samples of supply water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were very satisfactory.
284 samples of raw water were examined chemically and the results were very satisfactory.
460 samples of supply water were examined chemically and the results were very satisfactory.
3. The water is not likely to be plumbo-solvent.
4. Of the 6,653 houses in the district:—
 - (a) 6,641 or 99.82 per cent are supplied from piped water mains direct to the house.
 - (b) 6 or .09 per cent by means of standpipes (4 Shenley Parish, 2 Ridge Parish).
 - (c) 6 or .09 per cent isolated houses have no piped water supply.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There were no extensions of major sewerage schemes, apart from those in connection with development on the Council's and the London County Council's housing sites. This area forms part of the Colne Valley Sewerage Board's Scheme which takes all sewage effluent in their trunk sewer.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

A few cases of minor pollution of streams were investigated. Several ponds were treated with D.D.T. Insecticide as a precaution against the breeding of mosquitoes.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

With the exception of about 70 pail closets at out-lying farms and farm cottages, all the dwelling houses in the district are served by water-closets; these, with the exception of a few which discharge into cesspools, are connected to public sewers.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected from the whole of the district by the Council's own staff (under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor), and disposed of by controlled tipping on the site of the disused sewage works, Boreham Wood.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The prescribed tabular statement is contained in the Sanitary Inspector's report, which commences on page 13.

SHOPS AND OFFICES

Normal routine inspections were carried out at these premises during the year, no statutory action was taken.

CAMPING SITES

- (a) The number of sites in the area in use during 1955 was three, licensed by the Council under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.
- (b) 27 annual licences authorising individual applicants to station and use moveable dwellings were issued during the year.
- (c) Estimated maximum number of caravans stationed in the area at one time, including holders of individual licences, 136. This would probably give a total population living in caravans in the district of approximately 350.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No statutory action was taken during the year. The Council is a member of the Smoke Abatement Society and is a constituent member of the London and Home Counties Smoke Abatement Advisory Council; the Sanitary Inspector represents the Hertfordshire Local Authorities on the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area. There is one small private swimming bath.

SCHOOLS

The sanitary condition of the schools is satisfactory. The water is supplied in all instances by the Colne Valley Water Company. The schools are visited regularly by the Assistant School Medical Officer, and especially on an outbreak of any infectious disease, for the purpose of excluding or examining possible contacts and advising on any necessary measures.

No schools were closed for infectious disease.

RODENT CONTROL

One Rodent Operative is employed part-time on this work under the supervision of the Additional Sanitary Inspector. During the year investigation was carried out at 282 properties for the purposes of rodent control; of these, 103 were found to be infested with rats and 29 infested with mice. These were subsequently treated by the local authority.

The Council operate a free service for domestic premises but a charge is made for rodent control treatment carried out to business and other premises.

The annual test baiting of the sewers was carried out covering the whole of the district. Sixty manholes were baited and two complete takes were recorded.

SECTION D

HOUSING

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 17/55, details relating to the demolition, closing and repair of houses have not been included in this report.

A survey of the houses in the area was completed during the year, this revealed that there are 53 unfit houses in the district. It is intended to have these properties demolished within 5 years.

The Council have given consideration to 28 applications for Improvement Grants. Of these applications 9 were granted, 7 have been approved in principle and 12 have been refused or withdrawn.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

For results of routine sampling and details of licences issued see page 18 of the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(b) SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FOOD SUPPLIES

See page 17 of the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(c) ICE CREAM

See page 19 of the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

There were two cases of Diphtheria, both children (boys aged 1 year and 12 years) being members of a family in which there had been 3 cases of Diphtheria in 1954. The mother was found to be a carrier of C. Diphtheria and received treatment in hospital.

Of the two cases which occurred during the year, the younger child had not been immunised, the elder boy completed a primary immunisation course in January 1949. Both cases made uneventful recoveries.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases during the year:—

Disease	Total notified	Total cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	12	—	—
Diphtheria	2	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—
Erysipelas	3	—	—
Measles	549	—	—
Whooping Cough	7	—	—
Pneumonia	4	1	—
Dysentery	4	2	—
Poliomyelitis	8	8	—
Food Poisoning	2	—	—

Age-Group	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & up
Scarlet Fever		1		1	3	6			1			
Diphtheria		1					1					
Puerperal Pyrexia									1			
Erysipelas											1	2
Measles	9	52	75	78	79	247	7	2				
Whooping Cough		2	1	2	2							
Pneumonia									2		1	1
Dysentery									1	2		1
Poliomyelitis		1				4	2		1			
Food Poisoning										1	1	

Tuberculosis—*New cases and mortality during 1954.*

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 ..								
1—5 ..	1		1					
5—15 ..	1	1		1				
15—25 ..		3						
25—35 ..	1	1						
35—45 ..	1	1						1
45—55 ..								
55—65 ..					1			
65 and up ..	3				2			
* TOTALS	7	6	1	1	3			1

* Not including patients resident in Shenley Mental Hospital.



Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Elstree Rural District Council*

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my seventeenth Annual Report for the year 1955, my role is comparable with that of a non-playing captain. After six long months of sick leave I am now on the point of returning to duty in time for the publication of this Report.

During the year under review the Council's five-year programme for the clearance of unfit houses was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. The number of houses affected is 53 and the number of families to be rehoused 37, the remaining houses having been left vacant by arrangement with the owners. It is not anticipated that there will be much difficulty in completing this programme within the five-year period.

In accordance with the provisions of the Housing Acts, 1949-1954, 28 applications for Improvement Grants were made and presented to the appropriate Committee during the year. Of this number 9 were granted and 7 received approval in principle.

I am more than grateful to the Council for the consideration and kindness they have shewn me during my period of incapacity. I think the greatest source of frustration for me was not being able to do my work. To be of some little service to the community, to work while it is day; there is no greater satisfaction. It is a most pleasant thing for me to place on record that I derived considerable comfort from the thought that Mr. Male was deputising for me so ably and conscientiously. To him, the staff of the Public Health Department and my colleagues generally, I owe more than ever my heartfelt thanks.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. D. S. BLACKHALL,
Sanitary Inspector.

PARTICULARS OF INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

Rural Housing Survey:							
Inspections .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Visits and re-inspections .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Public Health Act inspections .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	199
Public Health Act re-inspections .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	642
Visits re overcrowding, including computation of permitted numbers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
Visits in respect of:							
Infectious Diseases .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Verminous Premises .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
Accumulations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Bakehouses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Dirty Houses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Drainage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	193
Factories .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	88
Smoke Nuisance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Outworkers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Shops .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Water Supply .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dairies .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Food Preparers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	194
Meat Shops .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
Milk Shops and Purveyors .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Slaughterhouses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	94
Stables and Piggeries .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ice Cream Manufacturers and Dealers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
Tents, Vans and Sheds (Moveable Dwellings) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Conveniences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rodent Control .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	282
Watercourses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Housing Accommodation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	155
Milk and Ice Cream Samples .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Pet Animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Improvement Grants .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Rent (Disrepair) Certificates .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

TOTAL 1,768

DETAILS OF INTIMATION NOTICES AND STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Intimation Notices

Nature of Principal Defects	No. of Notices Served.
General housing defects including leaking roofs, dampness, defective plaster, floors, window-frames, etc.	45
Absence of necessary information in rent books (Housing Act 1954)	1
Overcrowding	—
Drainage	30
Defective paving of yards and passages	—
Defective w.c. and connections	14
Absence of, or dilapidated dustbins	7
Choked and insanitary watercourses	1
Filthy or verminous premises	1
Insufficient water supply (including burst pipes, leaking tanks, etc.)	3
Waste of water (referred to the Colne Valley Water Company)	3
Offensive accumulations	7
Improper keeping of animals	—
Dairies	—
Food preparers	25
Factories and Offices	5
Bakehouses	2
Stables and Piggeries	1
Nuisance from smoke or effluvia	4
Shops (Sanitary or other arrangements)	5
Removal of Tents, Vans, Sheds or similar structures	—
Conveniences	—
Rodent Control (Proofing etc.)	6
TOTAL	160

Statutory Notices

Nature of defects	Statute	No. of Notices served	No. of Houses or Premises affected
Defective watercloset	Section 45 Public Health Act, 1936	1	1
Dustbin	Section 75 Public Health Act, 1936	1	1
	Section 79 Public Health Act, 1936	1	1
Nuisances	Section 93 Public Health Act, 1936	16	16
Watercourses	Section 259 Public Health Act, 1936	1	1

IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT IN PURSUANCE OF INSPECTIONS MADE AND NOTICES SERVED

	No. of Premises
Repairs to plastering and woodwork	15
Floors repaired	8
Window frames repaired and sash cords renewed	15
Leaking roofs and gutters repaired	20
External brickwork repointed or repaired	15
Dirty rooms cleansed or redecorated	—
Dampness remedied	15
Cooking ranges and firegrates repaired or renewed	2
Facilities for domestic washing provided or improved ..	—
Adequate water supply provided	1
Hot and cold supply cisterns repaired or renewed	1
Drains cleared and drainage systems repaired	24
W.C. and sink connections repaired	23
Paving to yards and passages repaired	1
Dustbins provided	4
Watercourses cleansed	1
Accumulations removed	8
Nuisance from the keeping of animals abated	—
Food preparers' premises improved	14
Rooms disinfected	—
*Verminous houses disinfested	1
Bakehouses cleansed and limewashed	2
Factory defects remedied	4
Smoke nuisance remedied	1
Moveable dwellings removed	10
Stables and piggeries limewashed	—
Conveniences improved or repaired	3
Shops (Sanitary or other arrangements improved or provided)	3
Rodent Control (Proofing)	5
TOTAL	196

* Including woodworm, ant and wasp infestations.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED AND PARTICULARS OF CONDEMNATIONS

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ..	29	13	11	5	207	—
Number inspected ..	29	13	11	5	207	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	2	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	6.9	15.4	—	—	0.48	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	1	1	—	—	6	—
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	3.4	7.7	—	—	2.9	—
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refriger- ation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1938 to 1950

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

There are seven purveyors retailing milk throughout the district and the following table gives details of milk licences issued. The

Rural District of Elstree is included in the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order 1951 which requires that all milk sold in this area is of a special designation viz. Pasteurised, Sterilised, or Tuberculin Tested.

No. of Licences issued	Sterilised	Pasteurised	Tuberculin Tested	Total
Dealers' Licences ..	6	5	6	17
Supplementary Licences	3	3	3	9

The following table gives particulars of samples taken during the year from purveyors within the district. All samples satisfied the prescribed tests as required by the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

Total No. of Samples	Tuberculin Tested	Pasteurised	Sterilised
25	6	18	1

MILK IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

The following table gives the result of samples taken by the County Inspectors:—

Total No. of samples	Pasteurised	Passed	Failed
15	15	15	—

FOOD PREMISES

There are 164 premises in the district where food is prepared for sale, or sold, or offered or exposed for sale to the public; 432 inspections were made in enforcing the provisions of various legislation at present in force.

The following table gives a summary of the types of food premises in the area.

General provision shops	29	Meat shops	13
Confectioners (Sweets etc.)	17	Greengrocers	13
Confectioners (Bakers) ..	7	Fishmongers	5
Ice Cream Manufacturers	1	Bakehouses	4
Cafes and Restaurants ..	10	Factory Canteens ..	26
Building Site Canteens ..	3	School Canteens ..	14
Licensed Premises ..	19	Stalls	2
Chemists	5	Off Licences	4

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947 to 1951

There are 4 premises in the district registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for manufacture and sale, and 35 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. Only one manufacturer was actually operating during the year.

20 samples were taken during the year of which 10 were from vendors trading ice-cream manufactured outside the district and the remainder from the manufacturer within the district. The results of the bacteriological examinations are as follows:—

Results			
Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
18	Nil	1	1

Provisional Grades 1 and 2 are regarded as satisfactory, Grades 3 and 4 are unsatisfactory.

It will be seen that 90 per cent of samples fall into Grades 1 and 2, and 10 per cent fall into Grades 3 and 4.

REGISTRATIONS—SECTION 14, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Ice Cream

<i>Type of Premises</i>		<i>Number Registered</i>
Confectioners	Manufacture of Ice Cream	4
Confectioners	Sale and Storage only	22
Provision shops	Sale and Storage only	8

Preserved Foods etc.

Butchers shops	Manufacture of Sausages	10
Butchers shops	Preserving food	2
Fishmongers	Fish-frying	4

FACTORIES ACT, 1937
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Part 1 of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	11	1	—
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority	66	67	6	—
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	10	10	2	—
TOTAL	87	88	9	—

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	9	9	—	—	—

Outworkers. Number of outworkers in district during the year was 66.

Nature of Work: Making of wearing apparel, Brass and brass articles, Artificial flowers, Making of boxes.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE

In addition to general legislation automatically applicable to the district, the following are in force:—

STATUTES

Public Health Act, 1875	Section 154	10.3.1926
Public Health Act, 1875	Section 26	18.7.1928
Public Health Act, 1875	Section 160 (2)	13.12.1926
Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890.	Part III	
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923		
Public Health Act, 1925	Sections 13-21, 23-34	13.12.1926
Public Health Act, 1936:—		
Urban powers in respect of Sections 41 (Elstree Parish), 46, 79 and 80 (Elstree Parish), 107, 108, 263, 264, 269.		

BYELAWS

Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures	6.12.1920
Houses let in lodgings	14.7.1923
Slaughterhouses	20.4.1926
Swimming Baths and Bathing Pools	1.6.1937
New Streets	1.4.1939
Building	29.7.1939
Fish Frying and Offensive Trades	1.9.1950
Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food	26.6.1950
Fouling of Footway by Dogs	1.6.1951